

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



Today's Readings

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 125, R/v 3. Phil 1:3-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share His wisdom and become one with Him. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday to Thursday 10am Mass – Ferrybank Friday - 10.00am - Slieverue

Saturday Vigil 6pm Slieverue & 7pm Ferrybank

Sunday 9.30am in Ferrybank 10.30am in Slieverue 11.30am in Ferrybank

Eucharistic Adoration Ferrybank New Time Wednesday 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration Slieverue Every Wednesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm

All our Masses and Services are live streamed on our Parish Webcams and are also available on our Parish Radio Ferrybank 103.9fm Slieverue 106.8fm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 8th December is a Holy Day. The Masses are as follows

Tuesday 7th December: Rosary & Vigil Mass beginning at 6.45 pm -

WEATHER PERMITTING. IF NOT WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH -

EVEN THOUGH OUTDOOR EVENT PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS AND OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Wednesday 8th December: Mass 10.30 am Slieverue followed by Rosary



Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards with images of Ferrybank & Slieverue Church are available to order from the Parish Office and cost €2 which include the card and share in our Novena of Masses which will be offered over the Christmas period for the intentions of those who received them, the intentions of the sender and for all their family members, living and deceased.

People of the Pages Week 2 We meet St Joseph

When and where? The People of the Pages series will take place on the Wednesdays of Advent. It will be presented **via Zoom** so no need to stir from the fire. 8pm every Wednesday. It is also planned to live stream it on facebook live.

Who? Fr Kieran will open each session and will need plenty of help so do join in!

Who is it for? Short answer - everyone. All welcome.

You can just join and listen, join and share, ask a question, offer an opinion.

No qualifications required just a desire to grow your faith and understanding a little bit more.

And we will pray. No harm in that! Will be well finished in time for the 9 News!

What do I do next? If you want to join via zoom just email us at ferrybank@ossory.ie / slieverue@ossory.ie & we will send you the link. Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening!



Remembering all those who have died ...



Recently Deceased

Patrick (Pat) Tuohy, Upper Irishtown, Clonmel

Anniversaries

Frank & Alice Hayden, and their Grandson

Eoghan Brennan (Slieverue Village) (Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

William Knox, Drumdowney (Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Billy Hearne
Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Ann Ryan
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Mabel & Tom Walsh, Slieverue (Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Ann Knox and her sister
Bridget Foran
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Milo Cooke and his son Fintan
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Joseph & Brigid Stephens and their children Antoinette & Claire
Michael & Johanna Fielding and their son Edward

Mary & Eamon Breen and Family
(Ferrybank - Mon. 10am)

Bernard Calton
(Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Mavis Purcell and her mother
Mary Purcell and deceased Family
(Ferrybank – Thurs. 10am)

Karl Cummins and the Griffith Family, Milepost
(Slieverue – Fri 10am)

John & Mary Fitzpatrick, Bellevue
Mary & Martin Roche

May they rest in peace

Baptism Font in Ferrybank Church

We are delighted to have completed the project of moving the Baptism Font to a more prominent and safe location. Thank you to Bishop Nulty for giving us permission to undertake the repositioning. We hope the new location will enhance the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism in our Church. We give thanks and remember all who were Baptised in the font since the day the church first opened its doors.



Reflection for young People Made for the Wilderness Gospel Advent Sunday 2

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3:1-6

John is a tough one. He is made for the wilderness. He is at home there. The bear Grylls of his day and more! God looked at John and said - this is exactly who I need for this mission. John was already in the wilderness. He has carved out an existence there and now God was going to task him with showing the world that even the wilderness, the roughest, driest, unwelcoming, dangerous territory you could find... (even though it was close to the river Jordan!) was to be the centre from where a spring of salvation would flow. Because John, made for the wilderness, said yes to being the proclaimer of the Word very soon people would come and discover that the real wilderness was within themselves and only God could pave a path out of it for them.

Four Questions for you ... What are you made for? What are your strengths?

There are wildernesses in our world today & in peoples lives. Where & what are they?

Could you see yourself undertaking for a tough assignment to be the proclaimer of God's Love, the bringer of life & growth to the wilderness of today in peoples lives and in society? Could you become a person made for others, for hope, love, mercy, for Jesus Christ?

If the above questions strike a chord with you & you would like to explore them further why not join us for a series of zoom meetings on Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th December from 10 am - 11 am. Simply drop an email with your name and parish to vocations@ossory.ie and we will send you the link

On Saturday 11th December the topic will be... 'Openness to God's Mission: What am I made for?'

See our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory-109568687936204> or follow us on twitter @vocossory

Weekly Church Collections

Slieverue 27 & 28th November 2021

Envelopes €289/Offertory €339.50/Retired Priests €155

Ferrybank 27th & 28th November 2021

Envelopes €959/Offertory €125/Retired Priests €503

Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. Your support is very much appreciated!

Slieverue - Ministers of the Eucharist

11th & 12th December 2021

Sat. Vigil Mass 6.00pm – Peter Dunne
Sunday 10.30am – Mary Walsh

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Eucharist Dec. 2021

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm Mary White & Angela O'Brien
Sunday 9.30am Margaret O'Driscoll & Eileen Fitzpatrick
Sunday 11.30am Maria Ronan & Eileen Long

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Word

11th & 12th December 2021

Saturday 7.00pm Barbara Wells
Sunday 9.30am Catherine Howard
Sunday 11.30am Mary Walsh

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound

If you are sick and unable to come out to Mass or if you have a family member who would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office & Fr Kieran will put them on the monthly visitation list. Please remember visitation can only take place following a request from the person themselves or a family member.

Safeguarding our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Ferrybank - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes

Slieverue - Mary Kenny.

Ms. Kathleen Sherry is the **Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person**. Telephone: 085 802 1633

Email: safeguarding@ossory.ie

Éigse Sliabh Rua

If you didn't get a chance to watch the talks at this year's Éigse, you can now watch them on You tube. Put in "Éigse Sliabh Rua You tube" and go to "more Éigse this year. Hopefully we will be back face to face for Éigse 2022.

Slieverue Pastoral Council

Padraig Byrne, Maria Condon, Keira Doyle, Jerry Forrest, Síle Grant, Breda Lynch (Chairperson), Tom O' Dwyer, Kieran O'hea, Martin Quilty (Secretary), Michael Shalloe, Maria Tobin & Mary Walsh.

Southern Deanery Reps: Keira Doyle & Jerry Forrest

Pastoral Area Reps: Breda Lynch & Síle Grant

Ferrybank Pastoral Council

Sr Patsy Butler, Jacinta Byrne, Bríd Fetton (Secretary), Eileen Fitzpatrick, Jerry Hughes, Mary Keane, Paschal Kennedy, Br Joe Killoran, Moira Meaney, Michael O'Brien (Chairperson), Kieran O' Shea, Eileen Slattery & Barbara Wells

Southern Deanery Reps: Eileen Slattery & Jacinta Byrne

Pastoral Area Reps: Michael O'Brien & Jacinta Byrne



Society of St Vincent de Paul - Slieverue

Our Christmas collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held this Saturday Dec. 4th and Sunday Dec. 5th.

The funds raised will be spent in the community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter months and beyond. We rely almost entirely on the support of you the generous parishioners of Slieverue. Thank you for all your help in the past.

St. Vincent de Paul Ferrybank Conference

The Ferrybank Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul will hold their Annual Christmas Collection next weekend Sat./Sun. 4th and 5th December. As always, your support would be most appreciated. Many, many thanks again for your continued support throughout this year.

Slieverue Active Retirement

On Wednesday December 1st we held our monthly meeting, and then celebrated our Annual Mass where we remembered deceased members, family, and friends who died during 2020-2021 RIP. A big "Thank You" to Fr. Kieran.

Up coming events:

Thurs. December 9th: Christmas dinner in the Tower Hotel at 6pm.

Wed. 12th: Annual General Meeting at 1pm. New members are very welcome.